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Congressman Frank LoBiondo United States House of Representatives 2427 Rayburn Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative LoBiondo:

The Jewish Federation of Atlantic and Cape May Counties, together with its outstanding local constituent agencies and partners, is respectfully submitting through your good offices a 2010 Appropriations Request for our Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC).

If we are successful with this \$175,000 NORC request, more than 300 residents in our local area, 55 and older, will be able to age in place in better health, with less isolation, and with increased dignity.

The Senior Neighborhood Network (SNN) program will:

- Coordinate a range of health care, wellness and social services and group activities, capitalizing upon the seniors' interest in connecting to others and the community.
- Strengthen partnerships that unite housing entities and their residents, health and social service providers, government agencies, and community organizations;
- Address gaps in transportation resources that are cited by our community as separating them from social and medical services.
- Provide seniors with vital roles in the development and operation of the program (both in governance and volunteer roles)

The enclosed Appropriations Request Form is a copy of the request we submitted on the Senatorial request form, pursuant to the instructions of your staff. Page 2 February 20, 2009

We are grateful for your past support of this program and for your continuing efforts to assist our constituents and our community.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any follow-up which may be required.

These are difficult economic times and we thus have a realistic view of the challenges in Washington and the world. At the same time, we are hopeful that the critical services that would be made available through NORC funding will be seen as an urgent priority—especially in such an economic crisis.

For all you do for our community on so many issues, thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Seltzer, Esq. Executive Vice President

cc: Jeff Kripitz, President

Enclosure